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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR PURCHASE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR US TO
REPLACE FIRE LOSSES

1. FOREIGN SECRETARY ADRIEN RAYMOND SUMMONED ME JULY 24 ON INSTRUCTIONS OF PRESIDENT JEAN-CLAUDE DUVALIER TO HAND ME NOTE EXPRESSING GOH THANKS TO EMBASSY FOR "SPONTANEOUS AND DISINTERESTED ASSISTANCE GIVEN HAITIAN GOVERNMENT ON THE OCCASION OF THE FIRE IN ONE OF THE PALACE MAGAZINES." HE ALSO PRESENTED A LIST OF AMMUNITION AND MORTARS WHICH GOH URGENTLY DESIRES TO PURCHASE FOR THE "MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC PEACE, THE TRANQUILLITY OF FAMILIES AND PROTECTION OF PROPERTY." LIST, WHICH FOLLOWS DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY AMMUNITION FOR WEAPONS DESTROYED IN FIRE.

2. LIST OF AMMUNITION GOH DESIRES TO PURCHASE FROM USG:

- A. 400,000 RDS 45 CALIBER PISTOL AMMO.
- B. 400,000 RDS 9 MM AMMO (ISRAELI UZI)
- C. 1,500,000 RDS 30 CALIBER M-1 AMMO (BAR AND M-1 RIFLE)
- D. 2,000 LOADED METAL BELTS FOR 30 CALIBER MACHINE GUN 1919 A 4
- E. 300,000 RDS 30 CALIBER CARBINE M-2 AMMO
- F. 600,000 RDS 5.56 CALIBER AMMO (M-16)
- G. 1,000,000 RDS 12.7 CALIBER AMMO (ITALIAN BRED A)

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#. 500 LOADED METAL BELTS FOR 12.7

I. 800,000 RDS 50 CALIBER MACHINE GUN AMMO
J. 500 LOADED METAL BELTS FOR CALIBER MACHINE GUN
K. 15,000 RDS 60 MM MORTAR AMMO
L. 10,000 RDS 81 MM MORTAR AMMO
M. 200,000 RDS 38 SPECIAL AMMO
N. 100,000 RDS 9 MM (SHORT) PISTOL AMMO
O. 30 60 MM MORTARS
P. 15 81 MM MORTARS
Q. 400,000 RDS 20 MM AMMO
R. 100,000 RDS 40 MM AMMO
S. 10,000 RDS 37 MM AMMO

3. RAYMOND STRESSED URGENCY OF GOH'S DESIRE FOR THESE ITEMS AND ITS READINESS TO PAY FOR THEM UNDER FMS SALES. HE ALSO SAID THAT IF US WERE WILLING TO CONSIDER GRANTS OR LONG TERM LOANS FOR THESE ITEMS AND SUCH THINGS AS UNIFORMS DESTROYED IN FIRE THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL. I SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE BEST TO ADDRESS GOH'S MOST URGENT NEEDS TO A SALES BASIS SINCE HAITI WAS QUALIFIED FOR FMS SALES. I ALSO SAID THAT I HOPED GOH WOULD ADDRESS QUESTIONS OF MAGAZINE TEMPERATURE CONTROLS, SPRINKLING SYSTEMS, ETC. BEFORE LAYING IN A LARGE SUPPLY OF AMMUNITION AGAIN AND THAT DOD PEOPLE AND DATT COULD OFFER USEFUL SUGGESTIONS ALONG THESE LINES.

4. COMMENT: DATT, WHO HAS INSPECTED DAMAGE AND EXAMINED PRE-DAMAGE INVENTORY, CONSIDERS LIST A REASONABLE STATEMENT OF HAITIAN ARMED FORCES CURRENT REQUIREMENTS AND STRONGLY RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF SALE. I CONCUR.
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